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NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE

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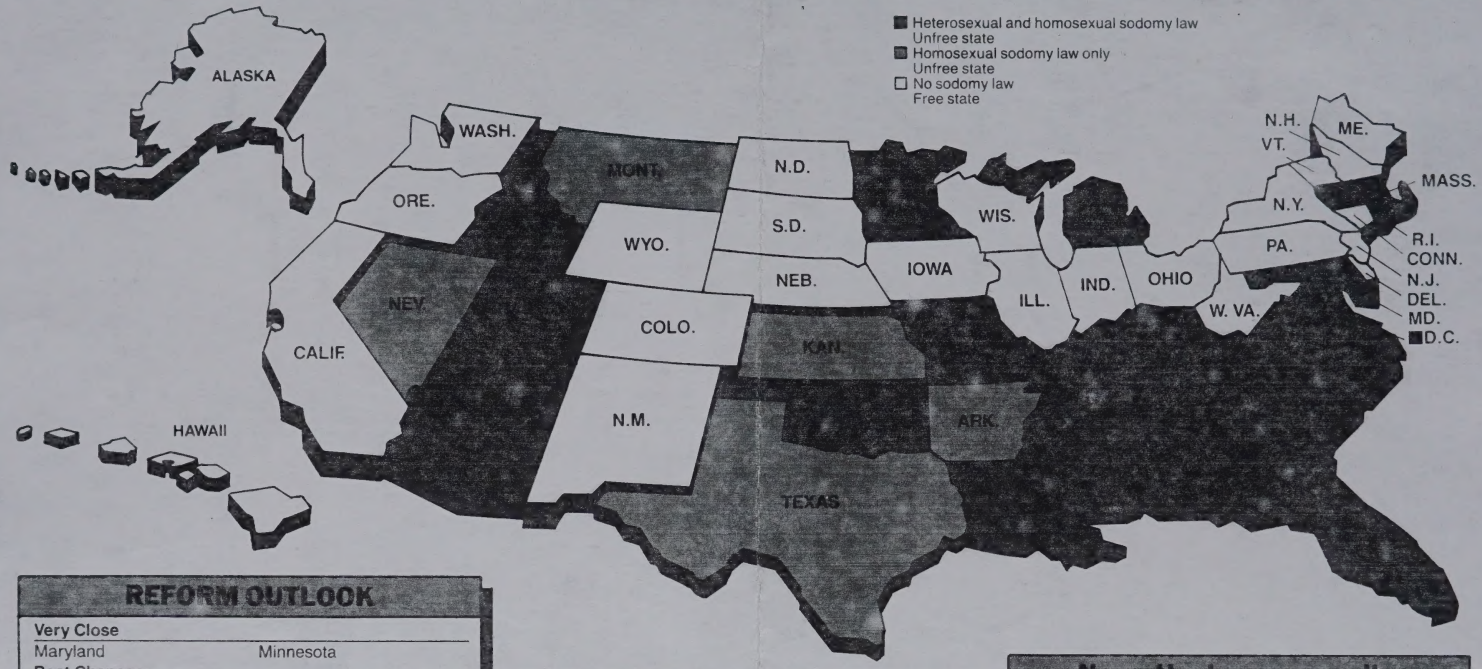

REFORM OUTLOOK

Very Close

Maryland	Minnesota

Best Chances:

District of Columbia	Rhode Island
Massachusetts	Texas
Michigan	

Not Impossible:

Arizona	Kentucky	Nevada
Florida	Missouri	Tennessee
Kansas	Montana	Virginia

Longshots:

Alabama	Mississippi
Arkansas	North Carolina
Georgia	Oklahoma
Idaho	South Carolina
Louisiana	Utah

This is an arbitrary division based on each state's past record, the strength of local organizations, the degree of support from individual elected officials and other factors. Look for it to change as efforts get underway in each state and more data is available for analysis. No state can be dismissed. And in no Free State can the possibility of re-criminalization be ignored.

Three Clues To Progress To Look For:

1. Statewide organizing by gay and lesbian activists.
2. Introduction of reform legislation.
3. Committee hearings on reform.

The Dirty Dozen

The twelve states with the toughest maximum penalties:

Michigan*	LIFE	Montana**	10 years
Georgia	20 years	North Carolina	10 years
Rhode Island	20 years	Oklahoma	10 years
Tennessee	15 years	Dist. of Col.	10 years
Maryland	10 years	Nevada**	6 years
Mississippi	10 years	Idaho***	5 years

*Repeat offenders, 15 years for others
**Only homosexual sodomy
***Minimum penalty

No matter how you say it...

How some states have titled their sodomy statutes:

Arizona (and others):
"Crime Against Nature"

Alabama:
"Sexual Misconduct"

District of Columbia:
"Sexual Psychopaths"

Florida:
"Unnatural & Lascivious Act"

Massachusetts:
"Sodomy & Buggery"

Maryland:
"Unnatural or Perverted Sexual Practices"

Mississippi:
"Unnatural Intercourse"

Montana:
"Deviate Sexual Conduct"

Texas:
"Homosexual Conduct"

Wisconsin:
"Sexual Perversion"

The Privacy Project seeks strong-willed activist-oriented men and women to help reform sodomy statutes. Long hours, no pay, but work can bring rich rewards of sexual freedom and gay and lesbian liberation. Contact Sue Hyde at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1517 U Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20009. Telephone 202-332-6483.